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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and for the purposes enunciated in paragraphs (d) and (e) thereof, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that the following policies, duties and responsibilities will govern the conduct of United States foreign intelligence activities in the interest of national security, and national aims and objectives. The recommendations of the Central Intelligence Agency, required by Section 102(d)(2), on matters concerning such foreign intelligence activities of the Government departments and agencies that relate to national security, will, when approved by the National Security Council, issue as amendments or supplements to this Directive.

I. Jurisdiction.

1. The jurisdiction of the Central Intelligence Agency embraces all foreign intelligence activities of the Government. The Central Intelligence Agency shall have no police, subpoena, or law enforcement powers, or internal security functions.

II. The Director of Central Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency.

1. The Director of Central Intelligence shall function within his jurisdiction as the intelligence officer of the National Security Council and as its executive agent for the purpose of coordinating the foreign

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intelligence activities of the several departments and agencies of the Government.

2. The necessary authority is hereby delegated by the members of the National Security Council to the Director of Central Intelligence, so that his decisions, orders and directives concerning the foreign intelligence activities of the Government shall be considered as emanating from them, in their executive capacity, and shall have full force and effect as such, provided that any agency shall have access, through appropriate channels, to the National Security Council, in connection with such directives.

3. The Director of Central Intelligence or representatives designated by him shall make such surveys and inspections of departmental intelligence activities and facilities of the various departments and agencies of the Government as he may deem necessary in connection with his duty to advise the National Security Council and to make recommendations for or to bring about the coordination or improvement of intelligence activities. This authority is subject to the provisions of Section 102(e) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

4. The Central Intelligence Agency shall function under the Director of Central Intelligence as the intelligence facility of the National Security Council and the President of the United States.

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5. The Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for the protection of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

III. Coordination of Intelligence Activities.

1. Coordination of intelligence activities by the Central Intelligence Agency shall be designed primarily to strengthen the entire governmental intelligence structure and to achieve a fully integrated United States intelligence effort in objective support of policy planning, strategic planning, and operational decisions at all appropriate levels within the Government. A fully integrated intelligence effort is considered to mean that:

a. the combined intelligence production effort of the Central Intelligence Agency and the departmental intelligence agencies is continuously oriented toward the requirements of United States national security interests and objectives in all foreign areas.

b. the combined intelligence collection and source exploitation effort of the Central Intelligence Agency and the other intelligence agencies effectively meets the requirements of the combined intelligence production effort.

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c. all categories of intelligence requirements bearing on the national security are specifically identified and defined and the responsibilities for collection and production are appropriately allocated throughout the governmental intelligence structure.

d. the interchange of intelligence, intelligence information, and other information which has utility for intelligence purposes is effected between the Central Intelligence Agency and the other intelligence agencies under appropriate security provisions prescribed by the Director of Central Intelligence, and in accordance with the respective requirements of the intelligence agencies concerned.

2. The Central Intelligence Agency shall be responsible for the coordination of intelligence activities to meet the foregoing objectives, and is authorized to employ such measures as the Director of Central Intelligence deems necessary in order to fulfill this responsibility. The chiefs of the intelligence agencies of the Departments of State, Army, Navy, Air Force and Justice, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Atomic Energy Commission shall be responsible for assisting the Director of Central Intelligence in carrying out the intelligence coordinating responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency in support of the foregoing objectives.

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3. In accordance with Section 303 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, the Director of Central Intelligence may appoint such advisory committees and employ such part-time advisory personnel as he may deem necessary in carrying out the functions of the Agency.

IV. Production and Dissemination of Intelligence by the Central Intelligence Agency.

1. National Intelligence is that foreign intelligence needed at the appropriate policy, planning and operational levels of the Government, in the formulation and execution of national policies. National Intelligence shall be produced only by the Central Intelligence Agency, and shall be produced primarily for the President and the National Security Council, and for other departments and agencies of the Government as appropriate. In the production of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency may draw upon and review the intelligence production of the departmental intelligence agencies. The Director of Central Intelligence will not be bound by any concept of collective responsibility in the production of National Intelligence, as he has the direct and sole responsibility for such production.

2. The Central Intelligence Agency shall also produce:

- a. intelligence in fields of common concern, which it determines can be more efficiently produced centrally; and

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b. intelligence not otherwise available which is required to support the Central Intelligence Agency production and operations as well as those of other appropriate governmental agencies.

3. Whenever the Central Intelligence Agency deems it advisable, or upon specific request of the National Security Council, the Agency shall, prior to publication for general dissemination, request the appropriate departmental intelligence agencies to review Central Intelligence Agency reports and estimates for the purpose of ascertaining departmental views on those aspects of national intelligence which fall within the field of their respective individual departmental or agency intelligence responsibilities. Intelligence so reviewed shall carry a statement of agency concurrence therein, or a comment which sets forth the substantial points of difference; provided, that delays in the receipt by the Central Intelligence Agency of such comments shall not bar the timely dissemination of national intelligence.

4. The Central Intelligence Agency shall disseminate intelligence which it may have produced or intelligence information collected through its own sources, to the appropriate departments and agencies of the Government whenever such dissemination is appropriate to their functions relating to the national security. Such dissemination shall be made under security regulations and procedures established by the Director of Central Intelligence.

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V. Additional Responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency.

1. The Central Intelligence Agency shall perform, for the benefit of the intelligence organizations of the Government, such additional services of common concern as the National Security Council determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally and such other functions and duties related to intelligence affecting the national security as the National Security Council may from time to time direct.
2. Departmental requirements in support of an integrated United States intelligence effort shall receive the cooperation and support of the Central Intelligence Agency.
3. The Director of Central Intelligence may make arrangements with the respective departments and agencies to assign to the Central Intelligence Agency such experienced and qualified officers and members as may be of advantage for advisory, operational, or other purposes, in addition to such personnel as the Director of Central Intelligence may directly employ. In each case, such departmental personnel will be subject to the necessary personnel procedures of the department concerned.

VI. Additional Responsibilities of Governmental Intelligence Agencies to Central Intelligence Agency.

1. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 102 (d) and (e) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and with the approval of the President, and subject to the special proviso of Section 102(e)

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regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all departments and

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agencies of the Government shall make available to the Central Intelligence Agency for correlation, evaluation, and dissemination, all intelligence or intelligence information relating to the national security in their possession.

2. The dissemination of such intelligence and intelligence information to the Central Intelligence Agency shall be made regardless of the source of such information. To this end, the so-called "Third Agency Rule", which provides that classified information originating in one agency shall not be disseminated outside the receiving agency without the consent of the originating agency, is specifically abrogated insofar as the Central Intelligence Agency is concerned.

3. In cases, however, where the originating agency requests that special security considerations govern the dissemination of specific material to third agencies, such requests shall be given the maximum consideration by the Central Intelligence Agency and shall be complied with to the maximum extent which the Director of Central Intelligence shall determine is compatible with the national security.

4. "Such intelligence as relates to the national security" shall include all intelligence and intelligence information which the Director of Central Intelligence determines is required by the Central Intelligence Agency for the production of National Intelligence.

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5. The intelligence organizations in each of the departments and agencies of the Government shall maintain with the Central Intelligence Agency and with each other, as appropriate to their respective responsibilities, a continuing interchange of intelligence information and intelligence available to them. "Operational" information and scientific, technological, diplomatic and other information which has utility for intelligence purposes is included in this directive, as well as information available only under special security handling restrictions. In the latter case, each intelligence organization will promptly make arrangements with the Director of Central Intelligence to make such material available to the Central Intelligence Agency under appropriate security safeguards. The flow of such material shall be immediate, spontaneous and comprehensive. No department or agency shall hold back, or delay the transmittal of such material to the Central Intelligence Agency.

6. All requests from the Central Intelligence Agency for such material shall be honored immediately by all departments and agencies of the Government to the fullest extent of their capabilities.

7. The departments and agencies of the Government shall provide, produce or collect such intelligence and intelligence information in their fields of primary responsibility as the Central Intelligence Agency may request for its use or that of one of the other departments or

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agencies. Upon determination by the Central Intelligence Agency that any department or agency so requested does not have the capability to fulfill such request, the Central Intelligence Agency shall take direct action to meet its needs. Within the limits of their capabilities they shall provide, produce or collect such additional intelligence and intelligence information in other fields as may be requested by the Central Intelligence Agency as above.

8. In order that the Central Intelligence Agency may adequately discharge its responsibilities to the National Security Council, timely departmental action in meeting Central Intelligence Agency commitments and deadlines is imperative. Upon specific request of the Central Intelligence Agency first priority shall be given in each departmental intelligence organization to the requirements of the Central Intelligence Agency. Such priority shall apply to field and departmental collection action, production of departmental contributions to Central Intelligence Agency production, and the coordination of Central Intelligence reports and estimates.

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